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Representations for repairing sluice No. 3 were received last year. The matter was examined and the repairs were completed in all respects on 2nd August 1956.

It was however found that 3 screw-gearing rods of the regulator required replacement. This has been taken up, but as there is about 16 feet of water now against the F.T.L. of 17 feet, the replacement can be made only during the ensuing summer when the tank level would be low, and there would be no crops in the fields. Meanwhile, the Executive Engineer has been directed to inspect the tank and close the leaks in the regulator, if any.

Inasmuch as the tank is almost full, it cannot be stated that there has been any failure on the part of the P.W.D. to keep the regulator in good repairs to store sufficient water for the kuruvai crop.

9-20 a.m.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I know whether the Government have received any complaint with regard to the leakage in shutters? Is it a fact that due to this leakage the tank could not hold water and so the kuruvai crop had been a failure?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I do not know whether the hon. Member was following the statement I made just now. I said there has been a slight leakage, but that has not affected the storage capacity of the tank and repairs could not be effected until the water level goes down. I do not remember to have seen any complaint said to have been made to Government.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Area irrigated by Willingdon Reservoir

26 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of land that can be irrigated by the Willingdon Reservoir in the Vridhachalam taluk, South Arcot district; and

(b) the extent of land now irrigated by the reservoir?

A.—(a) & (b) The extent that can be irrigated (viz., the ayacut under the reservoir) is 26,851 acres of first crop and 6,359 acres of second crop. The extent now irrigated by the reservoir varies from year to year. The extents actually irrigated from the reservoir every year during the last 14 years are as shown below :—

Years.	First crop.	Second crop.
	ACS.	ACS.
1941–42	18,575	4,848
1942–43	20,488	6,324
1943–44	20,870	7,905
1944–45	20,852	5,407

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Years.			First crop. ACS.	Second crop. ACS.
1945–46	..	..	18,728	6,741
1946–47	..	..	17,679	2,520
1947–48	..	..	19,026	6,026
1948–49	..	..	18,123	2,939
1949–50	..	..	18,872	1,303
1950–51	..	..	17,555	891
1951–52	..	..	16,909	745
1952–53	..	..	13,585	351
1953–54	..	..	15 190	1,527
1954–55	..	..	18,877	2,781

Construction of a separate channel to the Aziznagar tank

27 Q.—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the occupants of Aziznagar Settlement for constructing a separate channel to the Aziznagar tank; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No representations have been received by the Government from the occupants of Aziznagar Settlement for constructing a separate channel to the Aziznagar tank. It is however ascertained that certain representations have been made to the Tahsildar, Vridhachalam, for augmenting the supply of water to the Zamberi of Aziznagar. The matter is under the consideration of the Collector of South Arcot.

Surplus income of the temples in Tiruchirappalli district

28 Q.—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of temples in Tiruchirappalli district which got surplus income during 1955–56; and

(*b*) the amounts in that year in each of those temples?

A.—(*a*) 49.

(*b*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

Suits filed by jenmis for eviction and arrears of rents in Palghat taluk

29 Q.—Sri R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of suits filed by the jenmis in Civil Courts in Palghat taluk, Malabar district, for eviction and arrears of rents during the period 1955–56?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 196–197 infra.

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A.—The particulars are furnished below :—

(1) Number of suits filed by jenmis for eviction of tenants during the period 1955–56.	164
(2) Number of suits filed by jenmis for arrears of rent during the period 1955–56.	222

Recovery of water tax in the Lower Bhavani Project area

30 *Q.*—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases in which "jabti" was resorted to so far in the Lower Bhavani Project area for the recovery of water tax and penalty for fasli 1365; and

(*b*) the total amount recovered by such proceedings so far?

A.—(*a*)	Tiruchirappalli district (Karur taluk) ...	Nil.
	Coimbatore district	550
(*b*)	Tiruchirappalli district	Nil.
	Coimbatore district	Rs. 10,397

Fixation of fair rent by the Rent Court at Palghat

31 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of petitions filed by the tenants in the Rent Court at Palghat for the determination of fair rent up to 15th July 1956;

(*b*) the number of petitions in which fair rent has been fixed, the number dismissed and the number withdrawn;

(*c*) the number of petitions in which the rent has been reduced and the quantity so reduced in each case; and

(*d*) the number of petitions if any in which contract rent has been increased and the amount so increased in each case?

A.—(*a*) 1,249.

(*b*) Number of cases in which the fair rent has been fixed—640.

Number of cases withdrawn—101.

Number of cases dismissed—

(i) for default—179.

(ii) as per razi on merits or for other reasons—190.

(iii) number returned for rectification of technical defects and transferred to other Courts—52.

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(*c*) & (*d*) The particulars are not readily available. The time and labour involved in gathering the particulars will not be commensurate with the results obtained therefrom.

Fair Price Shops in Ernad taluk

32 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of fair price shops opened in Ernad taluk, Malabar district ; and

(*b*) whether there is any place where request for the opening of fair price shops has been refused ?

A.—(*a*) Nine 'fair price' shops have been opened in Ernad taluk, Malabar district, as detailed below :—

Name of centre.	Number of fair price shops. Selling boiled and raw rice in equal quantities. (1)	Selling raw rice only. (2)
Manjeri ..	2	..
Wandoor ..	1	..
Pookothur ..	..	1
Anakayaam ..	..	1
Edvanna ..	..	1
Melmuri ..	..	1
Mampad ..	..	1
Nediyiruppu ..	..	1
Total ..	3	6

Total 9 shops.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* SATYAGRAHA BY BEEDI WORKERS IN SALEM TOWN.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice from hon. Member Sri Kalyanasundaram calling attention of the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., satyagraha by beedi workers at Salem Town.

*SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர் 9-21 a.m.
களே, சேலம் நகரத்திலும் சரி மற்ற இடங்களிலும் சரி பீடி தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு நெருக்கடி ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதைப்பற்றி பல தடவைகள் சர்க்காருடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வரப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த நெருக்கடி ஏற்பட்டதற்குக் காரணம் என்னவென்றால் பீடி தொழிலாளர்களை "தொழிலாளர்கள் அல்ல" என்று ட்ரிபுனல் தீர்ப்புக் கொடுத்ததால்தான். அதன் பிறகு இந்தத் தொழிலாளர்களை பாது காக்கக் கூடிய சட்டங்கள் எதுவும் இல்லாமல் போய்விட்டது. பீடி தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு சம்பள சம்பந்தமாக பீடி முதலாளிகளுடன் எப்படிப்பட்ட தகராறுகள் வந்தாலும் அதைத் தீர்த்துக் கொள்வதற்கு சட்ட பூர்வமாக